

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 6 beginning on line 17 with the following:

Figure 1 is an isometric view and Figure 2 is an exploded isometric view of a tray retainer 20 in accordance with one embodiment of the invention. The tray retainer 20 can retain a tray stack 22 having a plurality of individual trays 24 that carry packaged or unpacked IC devices 26. The individual trays 2224 can be JEDEC trays that have a plurality of slots 27 or pockets to receive the IC devices 26. For example, in cases in which the IC device 26 has a plurality of pins 28, the slots or pockets 27 can receive the pins 28.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13 at line 23 with the following:

In light of the foregoing embodiments of tray retainers, particular embodiments of the lock bearing 140 and the sleeve 124 will now be described. Figure 4 is an isometric view and Figure 5 is a cross-sectional isometric view of one embodiment of the lock bearing 140 and the sleeve 124. The sleeve 124 can have an axial bore 125, outer sections 127 (identified by reference numbers 127a and 127b), and flat sections 129. Referring to Figure 5, the sleeve 124 is received in an axial hole 142 of the lock bearing 140, and the through-pin 122 is received in the bore 125 of the sleeve 124. The lock bearing 140 also includes grooves 144, resilient engagement elements 146 received in the grooves 144, and an annular shoulder 148. Each lock bearing 140 can be attached to a plate or other structure (e.g., the cross-member 470) by a plurality of screws (not shown) that engage the annular shoulder 148. In operation, the sleeve 124 rotates with respect to the lock bearing 140 so that the outer sections 127 contact opposing sides of the engagement elements 146 for holding the cross-member 70, or so that the flat sections 129 face the engagement elements 146 to space the sleeve 124 apart from the engagement elements 146 for sliding the lock bearings 140 along the sleeve 124. The lock bearing 140 can be formed integrally with the cross-member 70.